

Presbyopia and other ocular disorders are treated by a method which increases the amplitude of accommodation by increasing the effective working distance of the ciliary muscle in the presbyopic eye. The effective working distance of the ciliary muscle can be increased by expanding the sclera in the region of the ciliary body. This expansion may be accomplished by operating a laser to irradiate the sclera of an eye in the region of the ciliary body to thereby weaken the sclera of the eye and increase the effective working distance of the ciliary muscle of the eye.

IN THE DRAWINGS

The Applicant has previously submitted new drawings (Figure 1-11) to replace the existing drawings in a separate letter to the Official Draftsman.

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 have been cancelled.

Claim 31 has been amended.

Claim 45 and Claim 46 have been added.

Claims 31 through 46 remain in the application.

This application is a continuation of co-pending United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/032,830 filed on March 2, 1998 (the “‘830 Application”). The ‘830 Application is a continuation-in-part of then co-pending United States Patent Application Serial No. 08/462,649 filed